

UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
SECURITY COMMITTEE

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Security Committee Members

SUBJECT : Navy's Proposed "USIB Classification Guidance
Regarding Intelligence Liaison Relationships
With Foreign Countries"

REFERENCE : Memo to DCI from Director of Naval Intelligence,
dated 12 May 1975, Same Subject

1. At the 20 May 1975 Security Committee meeting, members were alerted to a possible task by the USIB to review and comment on a proposed policy statement offered by Navy related to classifying information about intelligence liaisons. Related materials were made available to members at the meeting.

2. The Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community has informed me that the Security Committee is now charged to review and make recommendations on Admiral Inman's proposal.

3. There may be some advantages to a USIB-sanctioned document on classification of matters relating to facts about intelligence liaison relationships with foreign governments. It would help reassure the governments with which we have sensitive intelligence relationships. It could also serve to strengthen a case if such matters arise in litigation under the Freedom of Information Act.

4. The first five items in Admiral Inman's proposed guidelines seem to cover the ground fairly well.

5. The sixth item poses some problem and I would suggest changing the language to bring it more specifically into accordance with the Executive Order's permissible exemptions. Perhaps something along the following lines:

"The downgrading and declassification of information classified in accordance with this guidance shall be exempt from the provisions of the General Declassification Schedule of Executive Order 11652 under exemption 5B(1) if the information was furnished by a foreign government or if it derives from confidential exchanges with a foreign government. Information about the nature of the relationship will be classified in accordance with the desires of the foreign government."

6. Members are requested to review the basic proposal and the suggested change in Item 6 and be prepared to discuss it at the 10 June 1975 meeting of the Committee since I would like to have the Committee's recommendations to the DCI and USIB as soon as possible.



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